

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Boucher Announces Sales-Tax-Free Week Beginning Aug. 15**



State Rep. Toni Boucher, R-143, Wilton, Norwalk, announced that Connecticut's sales-tax-free week for clothing and footwear items under \$300 runs from Sunday, August 15 to Saturday, August 21.

Earlier this year, the legislature agreed to reinstate the one-week exemption from the state's six per cent sales tax after the majority of legislators had voted to eliminate it a year ago, as a budget balancing measure.

Rep. Boucher said, "This will save shoppers across the state more than \$3 million in sales taxes during that week. The sales tax holiday will make shoppers' dollars go a little bit further and help parents whose children are returning to schools and colleges."

The state of Connecticut began the sales tax free week in 2000. Proposals have been introduced in the legislature to add a second sales-tax-free week later in the year, but they have not received legislative approval.

Nationally, 12 states participate in some form of sales tax holiday, most during summer back-to-school shopping time.